ALUMNI COLLEGE AT MIDDLEBURY
WINTER SEMINAR

March 5-8, 1981

Accommodations will be provided at the Middlebury Inn. The rooms will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Please check your preference:

☐ Motel Unit
☐ Inn Unit

All rooms will have private baths.

Please indicate if you have any special needs in lodging or any other area:

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If you wish to attend Middlebury Alumni College, please complete this reservation form and return it with full payment by February 5 to ALUMNI OFFICE, MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 500, MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753.

The cost covering nine meals, four nights of lodging, class instruction, books and recreation is $210 for each adult.

YES — I am interested in attending Alumni College Winter Seminar. Please reserve ( ) place for myself ( ), my spouse ( ). Enclosed is payment in the amount of $210 per person. (Make checks payable to Middlebury College)

Name _____ Class_____
Alumna ( ), Alumnus ( ), Parent(s) ( )

Address _____
Street & No.

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City State Zip

Spouse's Name_____

I ( ), we ( ) am/are interested in the following topics:

☐ **Poetry and the Vision of Nature**

☐ **Search for Solutions in the Middle East**

If my choice is filled, I would like to enroll in the other course.

Yes_____ No_____

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WINTER SEMINAR

WELCOME!

We will inaugurate the Winter Seminar of Alumni College on March 5-6-7-8 with two outstanding courses. "Poetry and the Vision of Nature," with John Elder was a popular course offering last fall and is being repeated in this session.

"Search for Solutions in the Middle East," with John Spencer and Rowland Illick, will study the basic geographical and historical forces behind the tumultuous events in this part of the world.

The new Winter Seminar will have two distinct features. One is that the courses will be held on campus at the Kirk Alumni House. It not only has fine meeting facilities; it also marks the start and finish of a well-groomed 3.5 km cross-country ski trail. The second distinct feature is that participants will be housed at the Middlebury Inn on the village green. This will provide a good opportunity to visit the town and college community during the weekend.

Please join us on March 5-6-7-8 for the first edition of the Middlebury Alumni College Winter Seminar.

David Rosenberg
Academic Director of Alumni College

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 5

2:00-5:00	Registration at the Middlebury Inn
6:00	Dinner - Kirk Alumni House
8:00	Class Meetings and Informal Gathering

Friday, March 6

7:00-8:30	Breakfast at the Middlebury Inn
9:00-3:00	Class Meetings
5:00	Reception and Dinner - Le Chateau
7:00	Performance of Dance, Mime and Drama by Hu Hung-Yen from the Peking Opera

Saturday, March 7

7:00-8:30	Breakfast at the Middlebury Inn
9:00-Lunch	Class Meetings
—	Open Afternoon
6:00	Reception & Dinner-Kirk Alumni House

Sunday, March 8

7:00-8:30	Breakfast at the Middlebury Inn
9:00	Final Class Meetings followed by Lunch

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Poetry and the Vision of Nature
with John Elder

Our course will focus on the connections between scientific and poetic insights in the contemporary vision of nature. Among the poets studied will be Gary Snyder and A.R. Ammons, both of whom have a strong interest in science. This attention to poetry will be complemented by a panel discussion (featuring members of the Middlebury faculty) of current scientific perspectives on nature, and by outings into the lovely terrain near campus. The course will conclude with a consideration of Loren Eiseley's *Immense Journey,* a work which integrates the visions of science and poetry to an unusual degree.

Search for Solutions in the Middle East
with John Spencer and J. Rowland Illick

An explosion in the Old City of Jerusalem, the chatter of machine guns in the heart of Mecca, the rumble of tanks crawling toward Teheran — we know what's happening in the Middle East today, but what are the origins of the conflict there? How can it be resolved, if, indeed, it can?

The course is designed to give participants a feeling for the environmental and cultural realities of the Middle East and through slides, maps, readings, films, lectures, discussions and a final debate to involve them in developing approaches to solutions to the major problems there.

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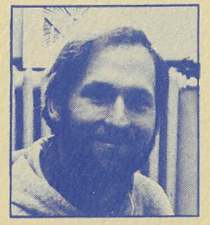
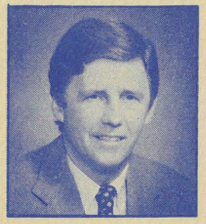


John Elder came to teach at Middlebury after attending Pomona College and Yale University. His scholarly interest in the interplay of poetry, natural history, and the environmental movement has been intensified by the beautiful landscape of Vermont. A Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities will make it possible for him to devote next year to completion of a book on the contemporary vision of nature.



John Spencer has an A.B. from Princeton and a M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia. He served as an Infantry Platoon leader in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea. He has lived and travelled in Japan, Korea, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. His overseas interests were furthered by his work as a Program Officer for Eastern, Northern and Southern Africa for the Ford Foundation and also as a Peace Corps Evaluator in Gambia, Mauritania and Senegal. He is Dean of the College and Associate Professor of History. He is a Trustee of the African-American Institute and holds a twin engine pilot's rating.

J. Rowland Illick, Professor of Geography, has taught at the American University of Beirut and the College of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He has also conducted four years of research throughout the Middle East and served as Geographer/Environmentalist for the U.S. International Development, Nouakchott, Mauritania.